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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

ORACLE AMERICA, INC.,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) No. CV 10-03561 WHA
GOOGLE, INC.,)
Defendant.)
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Videotaped deposition of OWEN ASTRACHAN, PH.D.,
taken at King & Spalding, LLP,
333 Twin Dolphin Drive, Redwood Shores, California,
commencing at 9:29 a.m., on
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before Leslie Rockwood, RPR, CSR No. 3462.

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1 minutes left. Just a heads up.

2 MR. KUWAYTI: That's about right.

3 Q. Do you believe that there is creativity in
4 the choice of the names -- of any of these names?

5 A. I'm asking -- I'm -- if you're asking in 18:35:30
6 deciding what to name a method, does the designer
7 exercise any creativity?

8 Q. Yes.

9 A. And my answer would be even though those
10 names are largely driven by functional concerns, there 18:35:47
11 are certainly choices you can make about whether the name
12 should be length or size or total length.

13 And when you make those choices, it's
14 reasonable to think that you're -- you know, the choice
15 itself has some creativity, but the name itself is 18:36:09
16 functional, but you're making a choice between .size and
17 .length. Is that creative? That's -- it's not clear to
18 me that that's creative. That's a choice, and it doesn't
19 really matter which one you choose. So I'm not sure I
20 would call that a creative choice. 18:36:31

21 Q. When you add up the 8,000 choices that went
22 into choosing all these different names and organizing
23 them, would you agree that there's at least minimal
24 creativity involved in that process?

25 MR. BABER: Object to the form. 18:36:46

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1 THE WITNESS: I would not agree that if you
2 add up 8,000 epsilons that you get anything other than
3 epsilons. And I'm using, kind of, a mathematical
4 definition of if there's no -- if there's little to no
5 creativity in each individual one, but somehow that 18:36:58
6 little -- when you add up all the littles, do you get
7 something, and I don't think that you can make that
8 conclusion.

9 Q. BY MR. KUWAYTI: In your opening report at
10 paragraph 62 -- beginning at paragraph 62, you gave some 18:37:09
11 examples of where you believe that Oracle and Sun have
12 implemented various APIs.

13 A. Yes, I did.

14 Q. And my question is: Did you do anything to
15 research whether there was a license to use these APIs by 18:37:30
16 Oracle or Sun?

17 A. No. I didn't look to see if there was a
18 license.

19 Q. Did you do any research to see whether there
20 was permission given to Oracle or Sun to use these APIs? 18:37:48

21 A. I didn't do research, but I'm reasonably
22 confident that no agreement was made with Visicalc, for
23 example, to include those method names, because I don't
24 think -- from Oracle or Sun, between StarOffice and
25 OpenOffice. I don't -- I'm assuming they did not talk to 18:38:13

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1 the originators of Visicalc. That's an assumption. I
2 could be wrong.

3 Q. And you're assuming that why, because --

4 A. Because I'm thinking that the originators of
5 Visicalc probably aren't around as part of Visicalc. 18:38:25
6 They're certainly around as part of being guys that are
7 still alive.

8 Q. Right. The company's not around anymore?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. Do you know if in any of these cases was 18:38:36
11 anybody claiming that these APIs at issue were
12 proprietary?

13 A. I don't know whether there was any -- there
14 were any such claims, no.

15 Q. Did you read -- did you do research to 18:38:47
16 determine how much of the API was used, whether it was
17 just the names or whether it was the organizational
18 structure?

19 A. No. My report talks about the names, and so
20 I was concentrating on the fact that the names were the 18:39:02
21 same in these two, and I didn't look to see how those
22 names might be organized within the different
23 spreadsheets, because we're talking about the spreadsheet
24 example.

25 Q. Okay. So my last question is: Do you have 18:39:15

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1 any opinions -- any additional opinions that aren't
2 reflected in your report and that you haven't already
3 discussed here at the deposition today with respect to
4 Dr. Mitchell's reply report? Do you have any additional
5 opinions to offer?

18:39:34

6 A. Are you asking about his last report?

7 Q. His last report or -- do you have any new
8 opinions that aren't reflected in your reports, I guess
9 is my question?

10 A. No. I -- no. I don't think I have new
11 opinions that aren't reflected in my reports, other --
12 new ones. I mentioned earlier about the names that I
13 hadn't had, but I don't have any other opinions.

18:39:43

14 MR. KUWAYTI: Okay. I have no further
15 questions.

18:39:57

16 MR. BABER: All right. I have no questions.

17 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the end of
18 Volume 1, Disk 4, and concludes the deposition of
19 Professor Owen Astrachan. The time is 6:40 p.m., and we
20 are off the record.

18:40:09

21 MR. BABER: And on the non-video record, we
22 do reserve our rights to read and sign. We exercise our
23 rights to read and sign.

24 (TIME NOTED: 6:40 p.m.)

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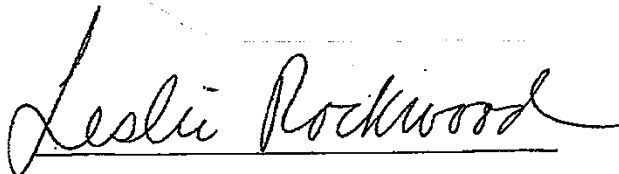
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